



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

John Launchbury et al.

Application No.: 10/826,163

Filed: 04/16/2004

For: AUTOMATED PERMUTATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Group: 2131

Confirmation No. 8564

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date: 09/28/2004

Typed or Printed: Heather L. Adamson

Signature: Heather L. Adamson Date: 09/28/2004

Mail Stop MISSING PARTS
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that, prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.